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VP6R Pitcairn Island DXpedition Press Release (22nd October)[edited].

Things are going well with the remaining team and the propagation has been wonderful to just about everywhere. We have had a lot of activity on 12M and some on 10M, including more EME contacts. We now have about 35,000 contacts in the log after 4 ½ days of operation.

There are more FT8 contacts that have not been updated into our N1MM logging program. Some of the computers will not as yet add FT8 contacts to the N1MM log, but hopefully we can find a work-around to get this done. IF you see your FT8 contact confirmed with “RR73,” you can be assured that you are IN the log, even though it won’t show now on ClubLog. They will be merged from the WSJT log at some point.

If you operate FT8, PLEASE READ THE MANUAL FOR WORKING US IN FOX & HOUND MODE!!! We see MANY calling us using a frequency below 1000 Hz. We can see you but the FT8 software does NOT see you. You MUST use a frequency above 1000 Hz to work us. We are transmitting usually somewhere below 500 Hz. The software will move your transmit frequency down automatically when your turn comes up in the que…..IF you have F/H mode set up properly. When conditions are good, we can work 300-400 stations/hour. Our peak rate with one station today was an incredible almost 900/hour!

Our last antenna went up today for 60M and we will be QRV tonight and in the future on 5.357 FT8 F/H mode. We are limited to 100 watts and must be in satellite phone contact with New Zealand and to QRT if there is any interference to primary users of the frequency.

We will continuously have at least one station active on 20M throughout our stay to hopefully provide a chance for everyone to make an all time new country contact.

We will be entering the CQWW SSB Contest this weekend on all bands. There will be some operation on the CW bands and WARC bands during the contest.

Our pilots are your contact points. We are aware of many “complaints”

about this or that issue with the logs. These will all be corrected with time. If you have any doubts, please work us again if you did not show up in the log. Please use our pilots for reporting band opening times and long path openings to help us be there so we can get you in the log. This is the purpose of the pilot program.

Our evacuated team member has made it to the hospital in Papeete, French Polynesia. Thanks for your prayers and concerns. All family members are aware, but for privacy, we will not release a name here.

The weather is fine without rain…..yet. Today we watched the spring arrival of the whales for the season from our operating chairs. Spectacular!!!

See you in the pileups!

73, Glenn W0GJ

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